

# Hinkley Point B power station

## April 2019 monthly report

### Introduction

This is our latest monthly report, sharing news with our local community stakeholder groups and local councils. This forms part of our commitment to being an open and transparent business. These reports are also available to all members of the public at [www.edfenergy.com](http://www.edfenergy.com). This newsletter covers

**March 2019.**

### Safety update

We measure our safety performance against top tier indicators, and it is now over twelve years since we experienced a nuclear reportable event and over nine years since our last environmental event. These high levels of safety performance are comparable to some of the best performing nuclear power plants in the world, and we will ensure we maintain this focus and these high standards as we strive towards operational excellence.

### Station generation

Reactor 3 / turbine 7 was manually shutdown on Friday 8 March to begin a planned statutory outage maintenance programme. One thousand extra workers have teamed up with the station's existing workforce during the 10 week shutdown period, which has been the result of two years of detailed preparation. In addition to standard maintenance and the installation of new equipment and plant, the extensive programme of work consisting of over 12,000 separate tasks will also include detailed inspections inside the graphite blocks that make up the reactor's core. As always the outage is planned in advance with the National Grid to ensure that there is no impact on the national electricity supply.

Hinkley Point B's Station Director, Peter Evans (see right), said: "This inspection and investment programme is just one part of our much wider commitment to ensuring the continued safe production of low carbon electricity. It's also good news for the local economy as the extra workers bring additional money into local shops, taxis, restaurants, B&Bs and hotels."

During the first few weeks of the outage, two workers needed subsequent hospital treatment following two separate personal injuries. The first involved a contract partner who needed five stitches after a portable grinder they were using 'kicked back' and made contact with their leg. The second concerned a maintenance technician who required five stitches after a pump they were unbolting unexpectedly rotated onto their hand. We are pleased to report both individuals made full recoveries and returned to work the following day/shift. Thorough investigations have been carried out into the circumstances surrounding both events, and the regulator has been informed.



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Reactor 4 / turbine 8 has been on-line since 21 February 2019, and operated at nominal full load throughout March.

#### **Next community meeting**

The next Site Stakeholder Group meeting will be held on Friday 28 June 2019 from 10:00 hours to 13:00 hours at the National College for Nuclear, Cannington.

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